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INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 6304–6326; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 374; and H. Res. 1284, 1286–1289 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1284, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–720);

H. Res. 1285, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6304) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence (H. Rept. 110–721);

H.R. 2818, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–722);

H.R. 2452, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–723);

H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–724); and

H.R. 6109, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster hazard mitigation program (H. Rept. 110–725).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Thomas A. Rhodes, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Folsom, California.

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Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1281, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 17th:

Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act: H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 301 yeas to 124 nays, Roll No. 425;

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Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008: H.R. 5511, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado; and

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Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi-Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country: Res. 1029, amended, to congratulate

and recognize Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi-Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 433.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio ‘Chi-Chi’ Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course.”

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Oath of Office—Fourth Congressional District of Maryland: Representative-elect Donna Edwards presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Ms. Linda H. Lamone, Administrator, Maryland State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held on June 17, 2008, the Honorable Donna Edwards was elected Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District, State of Maryland.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Maryland, Ms. Donna Edwards, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 435.

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Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 5781, to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, by a ye-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 428.

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Rejected the Jordan (OH) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a ye-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 427.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Accepted:

Davis (IL) manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–718) that makes certain technical and conforming changes to the bill, strikes a requirement for a study by the Government Accountability Office, and makes section 4 not effective with respect to births or placements occurring within 6 months of the enactment of the Act (by a ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 426).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1277, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 424, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 423.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:41 p.m. and reconvened at 5:08 p.m.

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Suspension Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, June 18th:

Condemning postelection violence in Zimbabwe and calling for a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis: H. Res. 1230, amended, to condemn postelection violence in Zimbabwe and calling for a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 430.

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Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment with an amendment, made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–720, to H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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On a division of the question, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 1 to the Senate amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 431.

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On a division of the question, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 2 to the Senate amendment, with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 416 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 432.

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H. Res. 1284, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 342 yeas to 83 nays, Roll No. 429, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5593, H5593–94, H5594, H5606–07, H5609–10, H5610–11, H5621, H5621–22, H5703–04, H5704–05, and H5705. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES— UNDERREPORTING

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Hidden Tragedy: Underreporting of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses. Testimony was heard from: John Ruser, Assistant Commandant, Safety and Health Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; Bob Whitmore, former Chief, OSHA Division of Recordkeeping, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

STATE OF THOROUGHBRED RACING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Breeding, Drugs, and Breakdowns: The State of Thoroughbred Horseracing and the Welfare of the Thoroughbred Racehorse." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions: An Overview." Testimony was heard from Douglas P. Scott, Director, Environmental Protection Agency, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Affordable Housing and Preservation and Protection of Tenants." Testimony was heard from John

L. Garvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Multi-Family Housing Programs and Senior Advisor to the Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Shaun Donovan, Commissioner, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, City of New York; Clarence Snuggs, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Community Development, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness of the Committee on Education and Labor held a joint hearing on Restoring America's Leadership through Scholarships for Undergraduates from Developing Countries: The Uniting Students in America (USA) Proposal. Testimony was heard from George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL GENETICS REGULATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Genetics and other Human Modification Technologies: Sensible International Regulation of New Kind of Arms Race. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FALSE CLAIMS ACT CORRECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a joint hearing on H.R. 4854, False Claims Act Correction Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—UTAH NAVAJO TRUST FUND

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Utah Navajo Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Ross O. Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; Tani Pack Downing, Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel, Office of the Governor, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT—GRANTMAKING PRACTICES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Examining Grantmaking Practices at the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.